

New Castle County Pedestrian and Bicycle Pathway Plan

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Pathway: A bicycle and pedestrian path separated from motorized vehicular traffic by an open space, barrier or curb. Multi-use paths may be within the highway right-of-way or within an independent right-of-way, such as on an abandoned railroad bed or along a stream valley park. Multi-use paths typically accommodate two-way travel and are open to pedestrians, bicyclists, in-line skaters, wheelchair users, joggers and other non-motorized users. They are typically surfaced in asphalt or concrete, but may have hard-packed/all weather gravel or dirt surfaces as well. To safely accommodate a range of users, multi-use paths should be a minimum of 10' wide (but may be less in constrained conditions).

Greenway Trail: A linear park which accommodates pathways principally for foot traffic and/or bicycles. Typically, greenway trails are planned along creeks, streams, rivers or other natural features and managed as natural environments.

Sidepath: A pathway within the roadway right-of-way or near the road within an easement for multiuse nonmotorized travel. Sidepaths should be a minimum of 10' wide (but sidewalks may be substituted in constrained conditions).

Sidewalk: That portion of a highway, road or street specifically constructed for the use of pedestrians on the outside edge of the vehicular travel way. Sidewalks are typically, but not always, curb-separated from the roadway and made of concrete, brick, asphalt or another hard surface material. Sidewalks should be a minimum width of 5.0 feet if set back from the curb or 6.0 feet if at the curb face.

Multi-use: Refers to multiple transportation options shared within a system or corridor. A multi-use route allows for travel by walking, bicycling, and other non-motorized users.